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TC ACCIS to TC-AIMS II at Ft. Benning

By Tom Fleming, Project Manager/COI

The PM TIS began fielding TC-AIMS II at Ft. Benning, Georgia in January 2005. The fielding lasted four months and included New Equipment Training (NET) and issue of TC-AIMS II hardware and software.

Jose Hernandez, Chief of the Ft Benning Mobilization and Operations office, attended NET during the fielding process. Jose first used TC-AIMS II in the Client/Server mode during the actual deployment of the 362nd ENG. CO. in May 2005. Jose continues to use TC-AIMS II today as the Ft. Benning System of Record for deployment.

Jose's counterpart in the Mobilization and Operations office, Tim Grysztar, was deployed with the 3rd ID during initial fielding. Tim's first experience with TC-AIMS II came as a Deployment Support Team (DST) member, redeploying his unit from Iraq back to home station at Ft. Benning. Tim received training from Deployment Support Brigade (DSB) and TIS support personnel in Kuwait. With their help, Tim successfully planned and executed the redeployment of his unit.

Upon Tim's return to Ft.
Benning, he moved to the
Mobilization and Operations
office to work under Jose's
guidance. Tim continued to
learn the TC-AIMS II program
by using the TC-AIMS II Help
portion of the software suite, as
well as completing several small
deployments. Today, Tim is the
primary TC-AIMS II operator
for deployment planning and
execution at Ft.

Benning.

Realizing the benefits of the TIS Enterprise system, Tim and Jose decided to move their operation from Client/ Server to the Enterprise in April of this year.

After submitting a request to the TIS Help Desk, the PM TIS immediately responded. First, the Integrated Logistics Support (ILS) Team scheduled a visit to Ft. Benning to explain the process of moving the Ft. Benning operation to the









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PM's Message

On 10 May 2007 I had the privilege to assume charter for the Product Management Office, Transportation Information Systems (PM TIS). As the PM, I am charged with satisfying two customers - the Warfighter and the Taxpayer. As a Warfighter myself, I promise you my best effort in ensuring that we put together systems that support your operations and make your job easier. As a taxpayer, I promise to deliver these products in the most cost effective manner. Towards this, I have three long-term goals for the product office:

#1 – Highest Technical Readiness. We will produce a highly integrated Enterprise system that can provide the Warfighter the view of the distribution process she/he needs – from factory to foxhole, using the timeliest data available.

#2 – Integration into the Distribution Process.
USTRANSCOM, as the Distribution Process Owner, is developing their vision of the future. We will have a place in that vision and we will ensure that we team with all services to provide the best distribution system to the Warfighter.

#3 – Integration into the Single Army Logistics Enterprise (SALE). The SALE program is critical to our success, as we can't



Tami Johnson TIS Product Manager

know what to move unless we know what is in, or coming into, the pipeline. We will integrate our products into the SALE architecture in order to provide the Warfighter the best transportation information anywhere.

Your input is extremely valuable to me in ensuring that we meet these goals. All suggestions, ideas, or thoughts will be carefully considered in our development process. You can submit these via the Help Desk by submitting a ticket to TISHelpDesk@eis.army. mil.

I look forward to meeting and working with our customers around the world. I can be contacted at *tami.johnson@us.army.mil*. Feel free to contact me anytime you need. ③

NEW PRODUCT MANAGER ARRIVES!

By Judith Avery Systems Engineering Operations Manager

Transportation Information Systems (TIS) welcomed Ms. Tami Johnson as its new Product Manager (PM) in April 2007. Ms. Johnson has thirty years of combined military and civilian experience with the Department of Defense, and over fourteen years experience in acquisition. Ms. Johnson came to the TIS Program office from the Battle Command Sustainment Support System (BCS3) Program office where she served as both the Technical Management Team Lead and Chief of Operations.

Ms. Johnson experienced a two-year break from acquisition experience when called to active duty as an Army Reservist. She served with the Coalition Forces Special Operations Component Command J4, supporting both OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM and OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM with logistical support throughout the Central Command Theater of Operations. During her assignment as the primary logistical support officer, Ms. Johnson used her acquisition experience to aid development of the brigade structure and procurement of over \$10 million in equipment, facilities, and support for an Iraqi Special Operations Brigade.

Ms. Johnson's prior roles include Test Officer in the Electronic Proving Ground Field office, working on modeling and simulation programs supporting test and evaluation of the Army Battle Command System (ABCS), and leading the development of simulation processes and products that supported over

eleven different systems through both development and operational test. Additional assignments have included service as a Mobilization and Deployment Planner with Sixth US Army, working on the mobilization, deployment, and the redeployment of Army Reserve and Army National Guard units in support of OPERATION DESERT STORM, as well as teaching mobilization and deployment planning, load planning, and readiness systems.

Ms. Johnson holds a Masters of Science in Computer Information Systems, a Bachelors of Science in Computer Information Systems, and a Level III Certification in both Test and Evaluation and Program Management. She and her family reside in Woodbridge, Virginia.

Welcome, Ms. Johnson! &

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

By Frank Taraborelli ILS & Fielding Director of Integrated Logistics Support

Greetings to all! This is an extremely exciting time for the TC-AIMS II community. We have just successfully completed the TC-AIMS II Block 3 Limited Users Test with USAREUR, and we are currently Fielding and Training the TC-AIMS system at Fort Riley, Fort Stewart, Fort Buchanan, as well as the completion of the New Material In Brief (NMIB) at the Aberdeen Proving Ground.

I am also very pleased to announce that Fort Benning will utilize the Enterprise system in their future moves, and will also support Fort Rucker via the Enterprise. Truly great times are at hand for the warfighter!

The ILS and Fielding Team is also supporting with "Boots on

the Ground" unit moves at Fort Campbell. This is a major step for both the PM shop and Fort Campbell to build a solid and confident customer base for TC-AIMS. Fort Campbell shares the PM's ownership in producing the best system for the soldier. We applaud and appreciate the great folks who make Fort Campbell a true Army asset.

Since the last Deployer, we have had successful moves via the Enterprise with the North Carolina National Guard 30 HVY group. Just weeks after their initial fielding and training, the 30 HVY moved over 400 pieces to Camp Shelby, successfully using TC-AIMS on the Enterprise. Great job, 30 HVY!

I would also like to introduce Terry Rivenburg, our new Help Desk Operations Manager; Suwon Woodfork, our ILS Coordinator Data Base Administration; and Jennifer Sondheimer, our new Curriculum Developer. We are extremely fortunate to add them to our staff. They have already demonstrated their dedication to our customer, and are working to provide systematic improvements and customer focus.

I plan to continue to visit installations that deploy TC-AIMS II, and look forward to meeting each and every one of you. Thank you for the wonderful opportunity to serve and support our Soldiers.

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TIS in USAREUR

By Johanna Curry, TIS Tester

Block III Limited User Test Training was conducted in Kaiserslautern, Germany, 2-17 April 2007. Despite the current atmosphere of increased military activity, TIS was able to reach the correct target audience with attendance exceeding 20 experienced students for the full exercise with a military occupational specialty (MOS) of 88N and 88M and German civilians with corresponding transportation occupational specialties. In addition, the Navy supported the effort with two outstanding servicemen, a Chief and Senior Instructor.

This event marked a key milestone for Transportation Information Systems (TIS) with the successful completion of a two-week course delivered via the TIS Enterprise. Students were administered three final exams covering new TC-AIMS II functionality ranging from Movement Control Operations and Container Management to refined Convoy Planning/Map Graphics capabilities. They passed those examinations in the 90th percentile.

During training, TIS was able to capture input and feedback from various sources, including the Combat Service Support Command (CASCOM), Army Test and Evaluation Command (ATEC), and from the soldiers themselves.

After Training concluded, Functional Operations (FUNOPS) and Pilot tests were conducted over the course of one week. FUNOPS was a scenario-based event that provided the newly-trained testers with a realistic overview of how TC-AIMS II Block 3 could be used in their day-to-day operations. Participants were assigned areas of responsibility which closely reflected their current occupations, e.g., Theater Planners, Movement Control Team (MCT), Battalion Movement Control Team (BMCT), Mode Battalion (Mode BN), and

Mode Company Operations.

Position-specific tasks were provided to each role player that generated actions which flowed through the system in a logical and sequential order. For example, the Theater Planner created a Traffic Circulation Plan (TCP) with associated control and preferred routes, approved or disapproved convoy requests, and performed de-confliction on all roadways. The MCT at the seaport/aerial port received manifests with all associated shipment documentation, created Transportation Movement Requests (TMRs) or Standing Transportation Movement Requests (STMRs), and associated Transportation Control Numbers (TCNs) to those TMRs or STMRs. MCTs then assigned those TMRs/STMRs to the Mode BN for movement. The Mode BN verified the tasks and ensured assets were available, and finally assigned the task to a



Mode Company. After receiving task from the Mode BN, the mode company constructed a convoy with associated equipment and personnel, both military and civilian. The mode company also created a route order with an associated task. A route was selected and associated with task TMRs. The equipment, personnel, TMR/TCN combination were put into the appropriate Military convoy construct, i.e., serials and march units, and submitted to the Highway Regulator. This method of using a scenario basic functional operation provided participants better familiarity and understanding of how TC-AIMS II Block 3 will be used in their organizations.

Once the users gained confidence using the new Theater Operations functionality introduced with TC-AIMS II Block 3, the actual Limited User Test (LUT) began. Official test activities under the control of Operational Test Command (OTC) personnel spanned six days with users following predetermined threads designed to closely replicate actual theater operations.

Our testers flew through the exercises with great success and very few issues were reported. Initial feedback from the test community is overwhelmingly positive and TIS looks forward to receiving the test report in preparation for a fielding decision. ©

TRAINING NEWS AND UPDATES

By James Newton. Lead Training Specialist

Curriculum Development Team Automates

The ILS Curriculum Development team will be implementing the Automated Systems Approach to Training (ASAT) this summer, which will streamline curriculum development efforts in all areas. The team is partnering with the Army Combined Arms Support Command (CASCOM) to gain access to the software and complete training.

What is ASAT? What are the benefits?

ASAT is a training information management system that provides the capability of task creation and task management of training products. It also has the capability of producing training products in a report format (RTF).

The functional areas in ASAT include Combined Arms Training Strategy (CATS), Collective, Individual, Lesson Plans and Courses. The CATS Module produces Combined Arms Training Strategies, to include resourcing information. The Collective Module allows training developers to create collective and drill tasks,

Mission Training Plans (MTP) and Drill Books

The Individual Module allows for development of individual tasks, Soldier Training Publications (STP or Soldier's Manuals), Training Support Packages (TSP) and Lesson Plans. Also, the Individual Module allows for training developers to create and generate courses (Program of Instruction/Course Administrative Data (POI/CAD) and reports. Essentially, ASAT continues to be the foundation tool for all task-based information utilized by the unit via SATS. ASAT provides Lesson Plan data for course development and generation of Program of Instruction (POI) and Course Administrative Data (CAD) reports.

ASAT will provide an easier transition of training materials and documentation throughout the TC-AIMS II product development lifecycle. There will be more to come as we implement this exciting enhancement. (4)

Ragged Old Flag

Written by Johnny Cash

I walked through a county courthouse square,
On a park bench an old man was sitting there.
I said, "Your old courthouse is kinda run down."
He said, "Naw, it'll do for our little town."
I said, "Your flagpole has leaned a little bit,
And that's a Ragged Old Flag you got hanging on it.

He said, "Have a seat," and I sat down.
"Is this the first time you've been to our little town?"
I said, "I think it is." He said, "I don't like to brag,
But we're kinda proud of that Ragged Old Flag."

"You see, we got a little hole in that flag there When Washington took it across the Delaware. And it got powder-burned the night Francis Scott Key Sat watching it writing "Oh Say Can You See." And it got a bad rip in New Orleans With Packingham and Jackson tuggin' at its seams."

"And it almost fell at the Alamo
Beside the Texas flag, but she waved on through.
She got cut with a sword at Chancellorsville
And she got cut again at Shiloh Hill.
There was Robert E. Lee, Beauregard, and Bragg,
And the south wind blew hard on that Ragged Old Flag."

"On Flanders Field in World War I
She got a big hole from a Bertha gun.
She turned blood red in World War II
She hung limp and low by the time it was through.
She was in Korea and Vietnam.
She went where she was sent by her Uncle Sam."

"She waved from our ships upon the briny foam, And now they've about quit waving her back here at home. In her own good land she's been abused --She's been burned, dishonored, denied and refused."

"And the government for which she stands Is scandalized throughout the land.
And she's getting threadbare and wearing thin, But she's in good shape for the shape she's in. 'Cause she's been through the fire before And I believe she can take a whole lot more."

"So we raise her up every morning,
Take her down every night.
We don't let her touch the ground
And we fold her up right.
On second thought I DO like to brag,
'Cause I'm mighty proud of that Ragged Old Flag."

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Anatomy of a Military Shipping Label

By James Wynn, Interoperability/AIT

A 2D bar code has much greater data storage capacity than a linear bar code. Capable of holding 1,850 characters, a 2D bar code can sustain considerable damage and still be read because of the redundancy of data within the bar code.

The Department of Defense (DoD) uses commercial standard Portable Data File 417 (PDF 417) as the standard for all DoD 2D bar codes. The 2D symbology provides comprehensive data on documents, individual items or shipments, and consolidation data on multi-packs and air pallets. Military shipping labels incorporate 2D bar code fields as well as linear bar codes.

Unit Move—Required marking includes:

- (a) Length, Width, Height (this piece)
- (b) Unit Identification Code (UIC)
- (c) Commodity / Special Handling Code (air or water)
- (d) Vehicle Serial Number, if applicable
- (e) Equipment Description, if applicable
- (f) Bumper Number (Army/ Navy only), if applicable
- (g) Model Number (Army/ Navy only), if applicable

Unit Move—Optional marking includes:

(a) Unit Line Number (ULN)



- (b) Equipment Serial Number
- (c) National Stock Number
- (d) Commercial Tracking
 Number and bar code
 The human readable characters
 allow bar code data to be entered

manually if the symbol cannot be machine read. The human readable characters also provide a means for an operator to verify if the bar code data is properly encoded and/or read.®

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Adding Additional Information to Bill of Lading

By William C. Dunn Senior Transportation Analyst

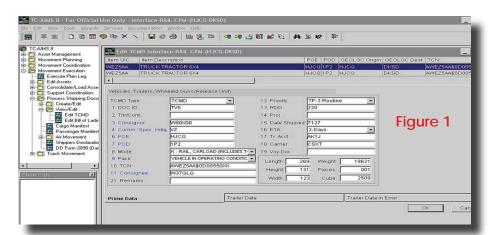
TC-AIMS II populates equipment details on the bill of lading from the TCMD process. Currently only the prime records (parent records) T_0/1 are created, as the DTR says unit movements are to be documented as shipment units not in consolidation.

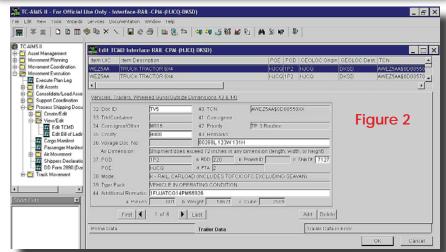
As an exception to the DTR, we create trailer cards associated with the prime records for HAZMAT or pilferable items. If there are other secondary (loaded) items, which for loss or damage claims reasons it is desired to list on the bill of lading – this can be done within the current software.

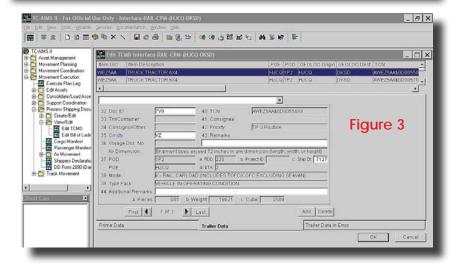
In the Movement Execution BPA, when you are in the Edit TCMD screen, highlight the prime record to which you wish to add remarks. Then click on the trailer data records tab shown in **Figure 1**.

On the right side of the screen you will see buttons to add or delete records (trailer cards). This is shown in **Figure 2**.

By selecting *Add*, you will able to manually create a T_9 card for additional remarks. Simply enter "T_9" in block 32 and then your remarks in blocks 43 and 44 (Figure 3). Data typed on this card will pull to the bill of lading. ©







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Common Access Card (CAC) Updated to comply with HSPD 12

By James Wynn, Interoperability/AIT

In August 2004, President Bush ordered Common Identification Standard for all Federal Employees and Contractors. This order has become known as "Homeland Security Presidential Directive/HSPD-12."

Many Federal Agencies began implementation shortly after the policy was first issued in 2004 (CAC Today sample); however, over the next several years a new identification card will be issued (CAC Tomorrow sample). This promotes standard identification, increased security and biometrics across Federal Agencies.

In TC-AIMS and other Automated Information Systems, hand-held devices (PDT8146 or PDT751) are frequently used to read Common Access Cards. Historically READ rates for "CAC Today" cards have averaged only thirty (30%); users who have used "CAC Tomorrow" are reporting READ rates of 98%.

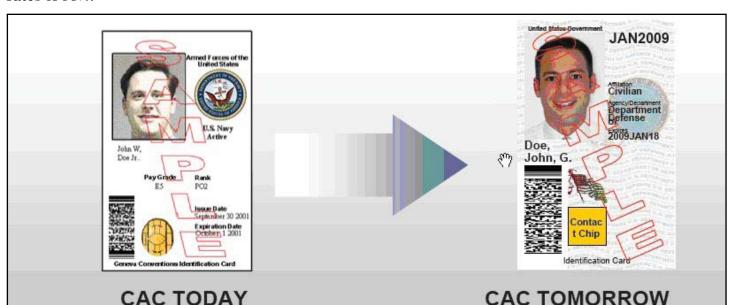


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Homeland Security Presidential Directive/Hspd-12

Subject: Policy for a Common Identification Standard for Federal Employees and Contractors

(1) Wide variations in the quality and security of forms of identification used to gain access to secure Federal and other facilities where there is potential for terrorist attacks need to be eliminated. Therefore, it is the policy of the United States to enhance security, increase Government efficiency, reduce identity fraud, and protect personal privacy by establishing a mandatory, Government-wide standard for sective and reliable forms of identification issued by the Federal Government to its employees and contractors (including contractor employees).



PROHIBITION ON COPYING OR DISTRIBUTING SAMPLE CARDS: Title 18, United States Code, section 701 prohibits photographing or otherwise reproducing or possessing departmental identification cards in an unauthorized manner, under penalty of fine or imprisonment or both. Consequently, for purposes related to communication with user communities regarding the new cards within the Department, the CAC shall not be posted or shown on web sites, or shown actual size, it will always be shown with "sample" on it, and the (skeletal) likenesses shown within the CAC Policy Memorandum will be used to the maximum extent possible.

TC ACCIS to TC-AIMS II at Ft. Benning

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Enterprise. The ILS Enterprise Transition briefing explained the two basic parts of migration to the TIS Enterprise, and in less than three weeks, Tim was able to log into the TIS Enterprise and TC-AIMS II. Ft Benning plans to execute their first real life deployment on the TIS Enterprise in August 2007. Although Ft. Benning is using TC AIMS II on the TIS Enterprise, TC ACCIS is also available.

The Transition to the Enterprise is really quite simple. The two basic parts are the *Functional* and *Technical* aspects of the migration.

The first part, the functional piece, consists of the TIS Unit Account Manager (UAM) and User account Request process. This process consists of designating a UAM, who will control the local user accounts for personnel needing access to the TIS Enterprise. (We suggest one per BDE level unit, as well as the ITO). The TIS Unit Account Management guide explains the complete process from UAM Designation to User Account approval. The UAM guide can be found at the TIS web site by logging into https://www.tis. army.mil.

On the left side of our home page there is a link to *Library*. This link goes to our *Document Library* page. Here you will find a link to *Fielding Documents* at the bottom of the right column of documents. Click on *Fielding Documents* and the third document listed is the *TIS User Account Management Guide*.

The second part of this

process is the *Technical* side of the house. This will involve Installation Management personnel (IMA) and your local Directorate of Information Management (DOIM) office. Basically, there are 3 ports on the LAN that need to be opened — 22, 80 and 443, as well as IP address ranges for the local user community. All of this information is contained in our TIS TECHONs.

For additional information about the Technical aspects of Enterprise connectivity and Net worthiness, contact Daniel Sheffield at: daniel.c.sheffield@us.army.mil or go to our TIS web site and contact the Help Desk.

If you would like to schedule a meeting to receive the ILS Enterprise Transition briefing and migration process information, contact Tom Fleming at:

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FIELDING SCHEDULE

By Jermaine McKinney, Chief, Fielding Operations

FIELD EVENT	FIELD TYPE	FIELD START DATE	FIELD END DATE
Ft Stewart (155, 48 HVY ARNG)	Block 2 Fielding	16 Jan 2007	04 Oct 2007
Ft Riley	Block 2 Fielding	19 Mar 2007	17 Aug 2007
Ft Sill (39 IN ARNG)	Block 2 Fielding	04 Jun 2007	03 Aug 2007
Ft Buchanan (92 IN ARNG)	Block 2 Fielding	01 Jun 2007	31 Aug 2007
Ft McCoy (1st HVY ARNG & 32 IN ARNG)	Block 2 Fielding	29 Oct 2007	08 Feb 2007
Aberdeen Proving Grounds	Block 2 Fielding	22 Oct 2007	18 Jan 2007
Ft Hood Non Divisional	Block 2 Fielding	15 Nov 2007	15 Dec 2007
Ft Huachuca	Block 2 Fielding	14 Jan 2008	14 Mar 2008
SBCT7-5th of 21D (Lewis)	Block 2 Fielding	14 Jan 2008	13 Feb 2008
Ft Jackson	Block 2 Fielding	11 Feb 2008	01 May 2008
218 HVY (Ft Bragg)	Block 2 Fielding	11 Feb 2008	12 Mar 2008
Ft Knox	Block 2 Fielding	21 Mar 2008	30 May 2008
Ft Leonardwood	Block 2 Fielding	21 Mar 2008	20 May 2008
Ft Lee	Block 2 Fielding	25 Apr 2008	04 Jun 2008
37 IN (Atterbury)	Block 2 Fielding	30 Apr 2008	30 May 2008
1 IN - 29 ID (Eustis)	Block 2 Fielding	09 May 2008	08 Jun 2008
Ft Rucker	Block 2 Fielding	02 Jun 2008	11 Aug 2008
3 IN-29 ID (Eustis)	Block 2 Fielding	11 Jun 2008	11 Jul 2008
53 IN (Benning)	Block 2 Fielding	16 Jun 2008	16 Jul 2008
149 IN (Campbell)	Block 2 Fielding	17 Jul 2008	06 Aug 2008
Camp Atterbury	Block 2 Fielding	17 Jul 2008	$25~{\rm Sep}~2008$
Camp Shelby	Block 2 Fielding	17 Jul 2008	15 Sep 2008
Gowen Field	Block 2 Fielding	14 Aug 2008	13 Oct 2008
Ft Gordon	Block 2 Fielding	14 Aug 2008	13 Sep 2008
Camp Blanding	Block 2 Fielding	11 Sep 2008	31 Oct 2008

For more information concerning the fielding process or scheduling information, please contact —

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Jermaine McKinney at 703.752.0814, or email jermaine.mckinney@us.army.mil

Maintenance Build 4 Functionality Review

By: Technical Management Directorate

TIS Maintenance Build 4 has been released for a few months now and is gaining wide acceptance, thanks to the Training and Fielding Teams who are on the ground working with our users.

Here's a review of functionality that has been added with the release of Maintenance Build 4. Detailed information can be found in the Software Version Description (SVD) on Disk 1 of the release.

The delivered software includes three applications that can be installed based on users' needs:

- ► TC-AIMS II
- ► AALPS
- ► ICODES

TC-AIMSII and AALPS share database files and can be loaded either individually or as a suite.

ICODES is included as part of the Single Platform Initiative and can be loaded by itself or in combination with TC-AIMS II and AALPS. Using ICODES requires a key which can be obtained by contacting

the TIS Help Desk. (See Section 6.2 ICODES Installation in the SIP for additional information.)

TC-AIMS II on the Enterprise

The TIS Enterprise has matured, and its use provides advantages over both client/server and standalone modes.

Instructions for establishing accounts on the Enterprise are posted on the PM TIS Web site at https://www.tis.army.mil/imi/TIS_IMI.htm

Additional information on using the TIS Enterprise is included in Section 4.2.1 of the SUM (Software Users Manual) and throughout the SIP (Software Installation Procedure) and SCOM (Software Center Operator Manual) as appropriate.

For a complete tutorial on using the TIS Enterprise please contact the Help Desk. They will put you in touch with a Functional Expert who can go through setup and operation with you. \mathfrak{D}

Success on any major scale requires you to accept responsibility... in the final analysis, the one quality that all successful people have ... is the ability to take on responsibility.

- Michael Korda



Software Installation 101

Maintenance Build 4 for standalone/client server is the first version of TIS software to:

- ► Include notification of where the installation instructions can be found.
- ▶ Double-clicking on the CD Icon takes you to a Welcome Screen where you can choose either migration or new installation.
- ► Choosing the install of your choice provides a step-by-step procedure for updates.
- ▶ If you prefer working with the SIP directly, rightclick on the icon, select the folder titled "Adobe Documentation."



Help Us Help YOU!

Please give your name, location and association with the project when emailing the Help Desk for assistance from a private email address (e.g., AOL, Comcast or Hotmail). If this information is not included in your email requesting Help Desk assistance, the resolution process will be delayed until it can be obtained.

Your cooperation will help us to better help you!

Help Desk Toll-Free Number!

For questions about TIS applications, contact us via our toll-free line, DSN number or email address: 1.866.TCAIMS2 (1.866.822.4672) or DSN number: 221.5000

or email: tishelpdesk@eis.army.mil